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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	George MAURO
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For	:	FRUIT CORING DEVICE FOR PRODUCING A CLOSED BORE
Group Art Unit	:	3724
Examiner	:	Ghassem Alie
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**BOX AF**  
The Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

<b>[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.</b>
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In response to the official action mailed March 17, 2009, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 16-19, 24-27, 30-33, 35 and 36, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and amend claims 23 and 29 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by either strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.